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FISHERIES ZONE

1. RESPONDING TO REPORTERS QUESTIONS ON "CONTACT" FEBRUARY 14, PRIME MINISTER PINDLING PREDICTED THAT "IT ISN'T LIKELY THAT ON MARCH 2 ENFORCEMENT (OF U.S. FISHERIES ZONE) WOULD BEGIN." BY WAY OF EXPLANATION HE SAID HE "WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT SOME STEPS WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THE AMERICANS FIRST TO NEGOTIATE A MEDIAN LINE." NOTING THAT US LEGISLATION CREATING THE ZONE REQUIRES USG TO NEGOTIATE MEDIAN LINE ARRANGEMENTS WITH NEIGHBORS SUCH AS BAHAMAS AND CUBA AND THAT GCOB IS PREPARING SIMILAR LEGISLATION, PINDLING FORESAW SUCH NEGOTIATIONS "TO DETERMINE WHAT WOULD BE THE MEDIAN LINE BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES IF THE 200-MILE FISHING LIMIT WERE TO OVERLAP."

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